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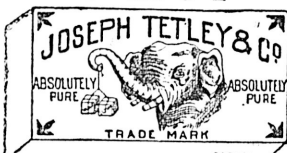
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**Cancelling of Russian Orders Causes United States Officials Uneasiness.**

**Vicksburg Incident Has Caused Great Irritation in St. Petersburg.**

**Timid Counsel Advises Waiving of Consular Rights to Appease Muscovites.**

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—The irritation against the United States on account of the supposed unfriendly attitude of that country towards Russia, which was slightly noticeable before war was declared, seems to have become daily more pronounced and since the Vicksburg incident at Chemulpo, when the commander of this American gunboat is said to have refused to unite

## THE ADVANCE ON SEOUL!

**Russians Now in Force at Anju on The Road to Korean Capital But Movements of Japanese Troops Shrouded in Mystery.**

Special to the London Times and Victoria Colonist.

London, Feb. 26.—The Seoul correspondent of the London Times declares that the Japanese intelligence department reports that the Russians are now in force at Yanzu, Ju Kassar and Anju. The movements of Japanese land forces are still clouded in mystery, as permission is still withheld from the correspondents to go to the front.

The Times correspondent of the London Times reports that scenes of great rejoicing have followed the printing in the Paris newspapers of accounts of a "sweeping Russian victory" at Port Arthur. Later, when the earlier reports were modified, the rejoicing continued, although the populace was somewhat puzzled by the conflicting reports. When the "official" and Alexieff reports were published they were received with regret, yet even in that modified form the news of a Russian success was hardly received in Russia with greater satisfaction than throughout France.

New Chwang, Feb. 26.—The Rev. Wm. H. Gillespie, a British missionary, who arrived here today from Kwang Chenset, states that a Japanese force has landed at Poesiet bay, seventy-five miles south of Vladivostok, where Russian forces were recently reported to be massed and to have advanced inland twenty-five miles to Hunchun. The Russian garrison at the latter place is reported to have abandoned their strong position, firing a shot and to have retreated panic-stricken towards Vladivostok. The Japanese are now reported to be marching on Kirin in Eastern Manchuria with the expectation of flanking the Russians and isolating Mukden and Port Arthur.

## Penalizing Enterprise

**Discussion on An American Bill to Make Working Overtime Illegal.**

**Shipbuilder Proves That American Yards Cannot Compete With British.**

**Half a Million and Grey Hairs the Cost of Experiment in One Case.**

Washington, Feb. 25.—"Do you mean to say that the Scotch, the Irish, and the English laborers in the shipyards at Glasgow can do sixty per cent. more work with the same tools and in the same time, than can be done by the American shipyard workers?" demanded James O'Connell, president of the International Association of Mechanics, of Wallace Downey, a New York shipbuilder and representative of the New York Metal Trades Association, during the progress of a hearing today by the eight-hour bill before the House committee on education and labor.

## Japs Renew Attack

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—Following the despatch of Major-General Plung saying the Japanese had again attacked Port Arthur Thursday morning and had been repulsed, Viceroy Alexieff has sent in a report to the Czar. The fact that the Japanese have renewed the attack is interpreted here to mean that they are determined to belittle or destroy the Russian fleet at Port Arthur in order to give themselves freedom for land manoeuvres to cut off or invest the city, or as a feint to cover a movement elsewhere.

three years to show American workmen by doing piece work they could accomplish more. They would not see it and the shipbuilding interests suffered. In turn the laborers have suffered though the weekly pay rolls have been increased.

Mr. O'Connell declared he had no belief in the statement of Mr. Downey. Mr. Downey challenged Mr. O'Connell to investigate or consult other builders to investigate or consult other builders whose work would be accepted by the world. He said he hoped when the systems employed in English yards are brought to bear in the United States that it would be able to pass the foreign yards in the amount of quality of work produced, but declared that such legislation as is proposed in the eight-hour bill is cutting the throats of the working people, as it prohibits overtime and handicaps the builder. Mr. Downey predicted that, under such restrictions, the shipbuilding of America, except government work, would be a disgrace to the name of shipbuilding. Representative Hearst inquired if it were not possible to acquire the means of manufacture which are used in the English yards, and thus compete with them in building. He cited as an example of the reduction of cost in manufacture that newspapers have dropped in price from five cents a copy to one cent, and at the same time the hours of workmen had been decreased and wages increased. Mr. Hearst wanted to know why the same brains were not applied in shipbuilding. The speaker of the great presses and the intricate plants installed at enormous costs, which, he said, probably were responsible for the decrease in the cost of production at the end, and the cost of the machine, and now I want to say," he added, "that the man who had the machine and the courage to go to the expense necessary to install it, to the machine itself, and that the man who merely stands beside it and feeds in the white paper."

"You asked me why we had not used the same brains. I do believe that to be possible, although we cannot do it while staggering under stifling legislation of the country. The foreign trade are balancing on the line of one, two or three per cent. ready every minute to be toppled over by the movement of the hand. The manufacturing industry of the country has been weakened far in excess of our consumption and, therefore, we need the foreign trade in order to exist. I am not a calamity howler, but I believe that the present period of unprecedented prosperity is over, and that the country that will settle down to something like a reasonable basis. It will be that unwilling men will have to put their heads with ours and be willing to do a part of the calculating in keeping our thousands of mills and factories in operation."

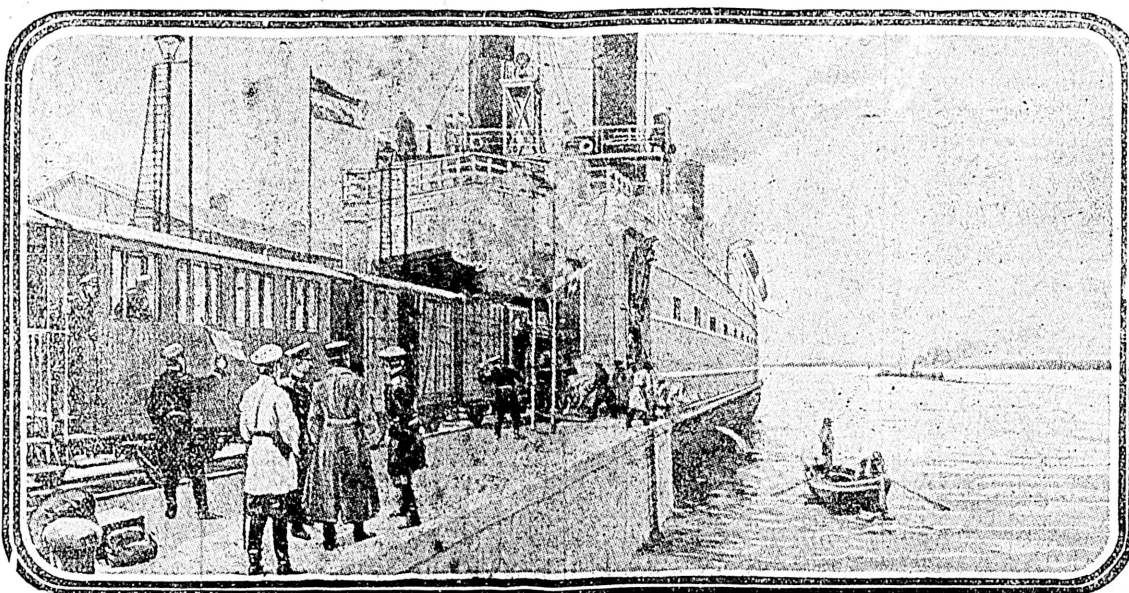
W. B. Cowley, of the "Long Arm System," of Cleveland, Ohio, and H. N. Covell, of the Ledgewood Manufacturing Company, of Brooklyn, both declared an arbitrary work day in foundries to be impossible, and that such legislation would drive all such concerns into bankruptcy. Foreign work, under so short a day, would have to be given up, they said. Mr. Cowley said he had worked on the bench, and had experience as an employer, and he could say, without prejudice, "eight hours a day is loafing and giving away the energy that is wrapped up in this country."

Edward Fregard, of St. Louis, secretary of the United Typothetae of America, appealed to Congress to keep hands off the matter of regulating the work day, saying it was a question to be met by the employee and the employer, the same as the printers' day had been reduced from ten to nine hours by a conference in Syracuse, N. Y., a number of years ago. He said a man should be permitted to work as long as he pleased.

## IMAGES FOR THE WAR

Moscow, Feb. 25.—The most sacred image in Russia has been sent to St. Petersburg, and it will be taken later the Far East with the army. This image is a representation of the Virgin appearing to Saint Sergius, and is always kept at the Troitska monastery. It is about one foot square and is covered with precious stones. The image has a remarkable history. It accompanied Alexieff, Peter the Great and Alexander I. on all their campaigns. A silver tablet attached to it gives the dates with which the image was present.

## Difficulties of Transportation on The Siberian Railway



CROSSING LAKE BAIKAL IN SUMMER

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In The Winter Sleighs Are Used

in a protest against the Japanese attack, and did not take on board survivors of the Russian ships. American business men here are really alarmed concerning the possible effect upon American trade. Within the last few days orders for American goods have been countermanded, the only explanation given being that the prospective purchasers did not desire to buy American goods under the present circumstances. United States Consul-General Watts has been appealed to in the case of an American firm which had a large contract for school supplies, the contract having been peremptorily cancelled. Orders for the importation of a big consignment of wood pulp has also been countermanded, the intending purchaser saying in his letter that he could not be induced to do business with America after the Vicksburg incident.

Consul Watts has felt his duty to write to the American state department, pointing out the state of public feeling here, and the great prospective damage to American trade, unless measures are taken to allay the irritation. Americans here believe that an official explanation of the Vicksburg incident would have an excellent effect. The government, officially, has not taken notice of the incident, being without direct official advice from the Far East on the subject. In government circles, however, it is seen plainly that Russian susceptibilities have been wounded and the fear is expressed that should Washington now disregard Russia and procure equipment for the newly appointed American consuls at Mukden and Antung from Peking and attempt to send these officials to their posts, a really unpleasant incident might be created. Russia does not want to be placed in the position of refusing to allow those men to enter upon these duties, but with a state of war existing and commerce at a standstill military considerations are paramount, and Russia might transfer herself to a war against the United States to be political rather than commercial. The refusal of Russia to allow Mr. Morgan the newly appointed American consul at Port Dalny to go to his post at present is based solely on the military situation which may compel all foreigners to leave Port Dalny.

The sincere hope is expressed that the United States will not exchange Russia further by pressing the question of consular representation at this time.

## MURDERER HANGED.

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 25.—For the murder of Jesse E. Sales and Jim Stanley at Whiteville last March, and the burning of their house to conceal the crime, Jabel Register was hanged today. The father of the condemned man is now serving a life sentence for planning and instigating the crime.

## THE KISHINEFF TRIALS.

Kishineff, Feb. 25.—Two brothers, named Petresko, were placed on trial here today charged with having taken part in the Jewish massacres. Each was sentenced to four years penal servitude. The damages claimed in this case were not allowed.

## MAKING FRIENDS.

Japan Now Hastens to Adjust a Long Standing Claim.

Tokio, Feb. 25.—The Japanese government today passed the famous White Whisky claim by handing the United States Minister Grisom the draft for \$115,000 in favor of the American Trading Company. The claim arose from a customs decision rendered in 1900 holding an importation of 8,000 barrels of whisky to be alcohol and increasing the duty from 40 to 250 per cent. Japanese at first rejected the claim for payment.

## UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN RUSSIA AND GERMANY

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—There is a growing belief that an understanding exists between Russia and Germany relative to the developments of the war and the diplomats are giving much attention to the likelihood of other powers becoming involved.

France's investments in Russian securities and enterprises are estimated at close to \$2,000,000,000, and it is feared that in case of Russian reverses, which might threaten the empire, France may be compelled to go to the support of her ally.

**SUSPECT BRITISH MOTIVES.**  
There are suspicions of the motives of Great Britain here of a character to cause complications in that direction. It is strongly intimated that the return of the Russian ambassador to Great Britain, Count Benckendorff, to St. Petersburg, was to consult with the Russian foreign office relative to the British expedition to Tibet.

The Russian government is angry at the language used by Foreign Minister Lansdowne on the subject of Tibet, and Ambassador Benckendorff may receive instructions to reply in kind if exchanges on the subject continue.

**AS TO MEDIATION.**  
The conditions in the Balkans are also considered extremely critical, and together the diplomats feel that if the danger of a general conflagration is to be avoided every energy should be directed, not only to limiting the sphere of operations, but toward an attempt at mediation. They are discussing the subject with great seriousness. It is not believed that Russia will be disposed, while squaring under the humiliation of the defeat to accept an intervention, but once a decisive victory is achieved, the diplomats are inclined to believe that owing to the Czar's sincere aversion to war he will welcome good offices.

Some old believers in the schematics of 200 years ago, who are among the wealthiest Russians, show a disposition to place a vast sum at the disposal of the government if the occasion requires it.

## CHINESE POLICY.

A special despatch from Port Arthur says Peking and Tientsin report that there is considerable dissatisfaction in certain Chinese circles at the neutrality of China and that the Japanese minister is trying to force China to side with Japan.

It is asserted that Yuan Shi Kai, the Chinese commander-in-chief, is under Japanese influence and that he secretly recommends an alliance between China and Japan, on the ground that if Japan gets Korea, she would not take Manchuria.

## NOT DISPLEASED.

The Associated Press is authorized to say there is no truth in the rumor current here that the Russian embassy at Washington will be entrusted to a charge d'affaires as a mark of displeasure over the conduct of the commander of the United States gunboat Vicksburg at Chemulpo in refusing to join with the commanders of other foreign warships in the protest against the attack of the Japanese fleet on the Russian cruisers Varang and Korietz. The foreign office declares nothing of the sort is contemplated.

## ARMY IN THE EAST.

According to information received by well informed military men, the Russian army which is intended to operate in Korea will consist of an advance van-

guard of two regiments of Siberian sharpshooters, a vanguard of sixteen regiments of infantry, with ninety-six quick-firing guns, three batteries of mountain guns, a corresponding force of cavalry. The main body will consist of forty regiments including Cossack cavalry with 100 guns. It is added that the important military operations will be possible before the melting of ice and that the present operations will be confined to necessary preparations.

**MORE SHIPS FOR EAST.**  
It is now said that the Russian Baltic squadron, comprising eight battleships, two armored cruisers, three protected cruisers, two larger ships and thirty torpedo boats will leave for the Far East at the end of June. It is added that it will be commanded by Rear Admiral Rojestvensky.

**RUSSIAN OFFICIALS.**  
St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—Count Benckendorff, Russian ambassador to Great Britain, who returned here a few days ago from London, had an audience with the Czar today.

Major-General Blagovestensky, quartermaster-general of the Kieff military district, has been appointed to the important post of inspector general of the Manchuria army. He fought in the Russo-Turkish war and since that time his advancement in the army has been steady.

## JAPANESE LANDING.

Ying Kio, Feb. 25.—Natives report that the Japanese have landed at Poesiet Bay and that they subsequently undertook operations against Hunchun and towards Kirin. These have received official confirmation from English missionary refugees who have arrived at New Chwang.

These people say the Russo-Chinese bank has removed from Kirin to Kwang Chenset, where commercial interests are seeking safety and defence. The reported advance has produced consternation among the European civilians residing in the line of march. It is reported also that the Russian government bureau at Vladivostok has withdrawn to Khabarovsk.

Poesiet bay is in Russian Manchuria, about seventy miles southwest of Vladivostok. Hunchun is on the left bank of the Tumen river and about forty miles to the west of Poesiet bay. Kirin is a big Manchurian town and lies about 220 miles inland and to the west of Poesiet bay. Kwang Chenset is about eighty miles west of Kirin.

Khabarovsk is about 400 miles to the north of Vladivostok, with which port it is connected by railroad. Tokio, Feb. 25.—Three weeks ago it was thought in some quarters that the opening of the war would be speedily followed by a movement of the Russian forces towards the south, Ping Yang being picked as their objective point. The appearance later of Russian

## Muscovite Diplomacy

**Alexieff's Chinese Proclamation Causes Comment at Washington.**

**Considered as a Step in Probable Movement to Annex Manchuria.**

**Movement is Contingent Upon Worthing Japan in Present War.**

SPECIAL TO THE COLONIST.

Washington, Feb. 25.—So far as can be learned, no official report of Admiral Alexieff's proclamation to Manchurian Chinese has reached the State department, and according to its custom, the edict therefore, cannot be discussed. There is no doubt, however, that the press accounts of its language have been accepted as correct, and it is felt that Russia's step in this direction only adds to the complications of the situation. It is regarded here as the second move of Russia in preparation for her triumphant issue from this war.

The first was her protest in which she laid the foundation of a declaration of war against Korea, and in event of her vanquishing Japan, of a claim to Korean territory as a part of her indemnification. Now, it is believed, that she is paying the way for a similar claim against China, and in the end, unless other powers protest vigorously, will take over Manchuria completely. Just how far this country will be affected is difficult to estimate, but it is impossible that there will be any resort to force to prevent Russian territorial aggrandizement.

The United States, like European powers, will deplore the greed for territory and the affair will be closed with Russia in possession of Manchuria and Korea, all providing Japan is worsted in the present conflict.

## HAM STOLE MONEY.

Boston, Feb. 25.—Wallace H. Ham, manager of the Boston branch of the American Surety Company, of New York; treasurer of St. Luke Home for Convalescents, Roxbury, and until recently treasurer of St. Paul's Episcopal church here, was arrested today charged with larceny of \$104,000 from the surety company. He was arraigned in the Municipal court late this afternoon and held in \$50,000 for a hearing March 2d.

## GOLD FROM JAPAN.

Large Shipment Reaches Frisco in Payment of War Supplies.

San Francisco, Feb. 25.—The steamer Doric, which arrived today from the Orient, brought in her specie tank Japanese gold yen amounting to \$1,025,000 in American money. Much of this was sent here in payment of supplies for the army and navy of Japan. Stowed in the hold was about 550 tons of merchandise that will make up the bulk of the Chinese exhibit at the St. Louis exposition.

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## "Blood is Thicker Than Water"

Admiral Dewey's Guns Shattered a Long-Lived National Superstition.

Great Britain and Not Russia the Friend of the United States.

London, Feb. 26.—The Morning Post today devotes a long editorial article to an historical record of the rapid growth of American activity in Far Eastern affairs, comparing the present attitude of the United States with her past interest in the China-Japanese war. The paper remarks on the notable friendship with Russia, and contends that American friendship for the Russian empire was always artificial. Admiral Dewey's guns, the paper continues, literally shattered the superstition that Russia was the appointed friend and Great Britain the appointed enemy of the United States.

"We believe," the Morning Post concludes, "that the appearance of America as a working element in international affairs and her unmistakable hostility to Russia, is destined to become epoch making if not epoch making."

In cable from Shanghai a correspondent of the Daily Mail reports the arrival of the Japanese cruisers Izumo, Suma and Akishima.

The Tientsin correspondent of the Standard sends in a report from a native source that the Russians have burned a large village near the Sungari river and massacred the inhabitants, including the women, in revenge for an attempt to wreck the engagement in which the Japanese were victorious.

War correspondents and Europeans in general are commenting in amazement upon the success of the Japanese officials in preserving secrecy regarding all the operations of war, and declare this country of silence is not only confined to government and service circles, but that it extends to every section of the community.

All classes of people are submitting with marvelous patience to long delays in the receipt of news, and are impatiently waiting for the success of the national cause. It is undoubtedly in pursuance of this policy that no Japanese account of the Port Arthur attacks have yet been published and none are expected until Admiral Togo has completed his designs.

In the meantime, if the report from Yui Kow of a Japanese landing near Vladivostok, which, at present is based on missionary and native statements, should prove correct, a most important new development in the Japanese operations will have been revealed, as it points to an attack on Vladivostok.

A report that the railroad has been cut between Harbin and Vladivostok may possibly be connected with these operations, but until more reliable information is forthcoming, this report must be received with reserve.

A special despatch from Hong Kong says the British Admiralty officials are serving out clothing to the Russian sailors rescued at Chemulpo, Korea, and that the crews of the vessels forming part of the British squadron have given half a day's pay to provide luxuries for the Russian wounded.

A. O. U. W. TROUBLES.  
Supreme and Grand Lodges in Boston Go to Law.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 25.—The Supreme lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen today filed a supplemental bill in the United States Circuit court against the Grand lodge for the jurisdiction of Massachusetts, bringing in the newly-elected officers of the Grand lodge as parties to the proceedings. The Supreme lodge seeks to have the Grand lodge restrained from taking steps to succeed from affiliation with the Supreme lodge and other jurisdiction of the order. The bill sets forth the action at the Grand lodge meeting yesterday, which ended in a virtual disruption of the state order.

AGED COUPLE ASPHYXIATED.  
Whitby, Ont., Feb. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Palmer, an aged and highly respected retired farmers, living by themselves in this town, were found dead in bed last night. They had not been seen for two or three days and the neighbors became alarmed and forced their way into the house. Death was caused by the escape of gas from a coal stove.

ROUNDING OFF FEDERATION.  
Proposed to Educate People of Ancient Colony in Canadian Matters.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—President Parker of the Canadian Club intends suggesting to the members of the club an excursion to Newfoundland with a view of educating the people of that island to the need and importance of rounding off of the federation of the northern half of this continent by inclusion of Newfoundland and Labrador among the provinces of the Dominion.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.  
Winnipeg, Feb. 25.—The Winnipeg Rowing Club senior team again defeated the Victorias at Hockey tonight, 6 to 3. It was the last senior game of the series.

Major McGibbon, inspector of Indian agencies in Alberta, is dead. He resided in Montreal Monday, where his son resides. He has been in the West for twenty years.

The clearing house returns for the week ending February 25, 1904, were \$2,259,639. Corresponding week, 1903, \$2,259,634; same week, 1902, \$2,472,927.

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AT ALL BARS AND RESTAURANTS.

REV. DR. HART DEAD.

Burlington, Ont., Feb. 25.—Rev. Dr. Hart, for many years superintendent of missions of the Methodist church in China, died at his residence here last night, aged 64 years.

LEGISLATURE MEETS.

Newfoundland House Opened by Governor Boyle Yesterday.

St. John's, N. F., Feb. 25.—The colonial legislature met today. Governor Boyle read the speech from the throne by which he urged the renewal of the French shore modus vivendi, and said that the negotiations were now pending between the colonial and imperial ministry for a settlement of the entire French shore problem, which would render a renewal of the present measures needless after this year.

KUROPATKIN MAKES DIRE PREDICTION

No Japanese Who Land in Korea Shall Return to His Country.

Paris, Feb. 25.—In a despatch from St. Petersburg, a correspondent of the Echo de Paris says the last, or second, Japanese attack at Port Arthur was repulsed brilliantly. He says the Japanese were again obliged to quit the roadstead. It is presumed that the entire squadron joined in the second attack, hoping to avenge the repulse of the preceding day. The Japanese are supposed to have incurred further losses during this long fight. Admiral Sasaki has telegraphed that he expects a third attack.

Continuing, the correspondent says that General Kuropatkin has started for his home to take leave of his mother before going to the East, and he quotes the general as saying:

"This war may last eighteen months, but every arrangement has been made that no Japanese after having landed, shall return to his country."

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—The czar has conferred upon Gen. Kuropatkin the diamond insignia of the Order of St. Alexander Nevski. Lieut.-General Fulton, assistant governor-general of Warsaw, has been appointed prefect of St. Petersburg. The government of Warsaw has long been held up as a model to St. Petersburg and Moscow, nevertheless his appointment was wholly unexpected.

Russians Flee Again

SPECIAL TO THE COLONIST.  
London, Feb. 26.—The London Morning Post states that, according to its New Chwang correspondent, an "official" proclamation has been issued announcing that the Russian administration has been removed from Vladivostok to Khabarovsk, a Siberian town four hundred miles north of Vladivostok, and two hundred miles inland. A Cossack regiment is reported west of the Liao river and a collision with the imperial Chinese troops in that vicinity is feared.

GREAT BRITAIN'S STRICT NEUTRALITY

Premier Balfour Explains Retention of Russian Sailors at Colombo.

London, Feb. 25.—Asked in the House of Commons today by what authority it was proposed to detain at Ceylon the 225 Russian sailors rescued after the fight off Chemulpo, Premier Balfour said the Japanese government had not intimated that it was willing the sailors should be released. In giving their parole not to take further part in the war, the British government was now in correspondence with Russia with the view of settling the question on this basis.

Replying to Earl Spencer, the leader of the Liberal party in the House of Lords this afternoon, the first lord of the admiralty, Lord Selborne, categorically denied the numerous stories recently printed of British partiality to Japan as against Russia. He said he feared there was some influence at work endeavoring to misrepresent the attitude of this country and to show that the British navy was not preserving the strict neutrality in regard to the war.

REFUGEES ILL-TREATED.  
Peking, Feb. 25.—Private advices from New Chwang confirm the reports of the ill-treatment of Japanese refugees at the hands of the Russians while they were journeying through Manchuria, and declare, moreover, that some of the refugees were without doubt cruelly murdered. The soldiers at New Chwang are so undisciplined that that place is unfit for European women.

FATAL POWDER EXPLOSION.

Bellaire, O., Feb. 25.—Mrs. Michael Tondovitch was killed, and three miners were fatally injured in a powder explosion near here today. Michael Tondovitch, a miner, had a keg of powder in the kitchen and was stopping over to fill his own propellant bag, when the powder exploded. A drop of burning oil from his miner's lamp fell into the powder and a terrible explosion followed, destroying the house and blowing the occupants into the street. Mrs. Tondovitch was instantly killed and her husband and two miners were fatally hurt.

STOPPING FOOD SUPPLIES.

Three Million Pound Shipment of Beef to Russia That Did Not Arrive.

San Francisco, Feb. 25.—The sailing of the steamer postponed from tomorrow until Saturday. On board the steamer tonight men were working, removing 1,000,000 pounds of beef sold to the Russian government by a local firm. Three million pounds of beef had been ordered by Russia, and the first two installments were shipped on the steamers Coptic and Korea. The beef was seized by Japanese officials, and it is believed the local sellers received orders at midnight the last night to remove the third shipment from the China.

## Move Against Vladivostok

Japanese Have Landed in Force To Take Stronghold in Rear.

British Military Expert Opinions On Latest Phase of The War.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND VICTORIA COLONIST.

London, Feb. 26.—The report which comes from New Chwang to the effect that the Japanese have landed in force at Pussiet Bay, captured the Russian post at Hanchun and are now marching on Kirin, was received with a great deal of interest by British military experts. The report is now wholly accepted here as correct, the belief being general that Vladivostok and not Kirin, is the objective point of the Japanese commander.

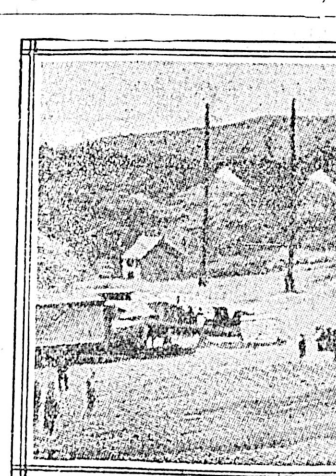
If it is true that Kirin is the objective point, then the strategists are puzzled. Kirin is situated on a branch of the main line of the Manchurian railway about sixty miles from the junction of the Yalu and the Nen.

Map Showing Japanese Operations Against Vladivostok.



tion at Cheng Tsi. Southwest of it is the great Russian military camp at Mukden, where is massed the main body of the Russian army in Manchuria. Of course, if the Japanese penetrated as far as Kirin, they would undoubtedly continue to Cheng Tsi and cut the railroad line. They could then use the railway and proceed southwest to attack the Russians at Mukden, while another force might attempt to penetrate north to Harbin and destroy the mammoth bridge across the Sungari river. This latter would be a blow from which Russia would be a long time in recovering from, and would completely paralyze the railroad.

The generally accepted belief, however, is that the Japanese are undertaking to take up a position in the rear of Vladivostok. The Japanese fleet could then attack the Russian stronghold from sea while the land forces could harass the garrison and prevent them aiding the Russian squadron. By this latter maneuver the Japanese would be able to protect their line of retreat, while they would not be placed in the position of being between the hammer and the anvil, as they would be if they try to cut the Russian lines in Manchuria in two at Cheng Tsi.



RUSSIAN OUTPOSTS ON THE YALU RIVER. SNOW BLANK WHITE.

NANAIMO NOTES.

Nanaimo, Feb. 25.—Times are certainly improving in Nanaimo if the stories about the forthcoming Easter, which are being whispered are true. The fraternity, emanating from the Victoria brethren have decided to give a military dance which is to make every previous affair held here a mere trifle. If anybody else fails to be successful, Hitherto the Masons have held the record for gorgeous functions with the Woman's Hospital Auxiliary a close second in all matters except one, the supper, in their sumptuous and lavish provision of which they have always been an easy first. The Eagles, however, intend to beat every record. The ball is to be one which Nanaimo will remember for some time to come as the most magnificent in every detail and the most perfect in every particular in the history of the city, to which end the tickets will be put up at a price higher than even the Masons have dared to charge.

TO ENCOURAGE THE OTHER.  
Chefoo, Feb. 25.—Circulars from Russian sources have been printed in the Chinese language and distributed here belittling the success of Japan and exhorting those of Russia. It is stated on the authority of those close to the Chinese, that at the first success of the Japanese army, the Chinese will join the Japanese with the hope of driving all foreigners out of China.

A Russian official report states that four Japanese battleships were sunk at Port Arthur in last Wednesday's attack, but the report is not credited. The Japanese have only six battleships in the waters; four of them were off Wei-Hai-Wei on Wednesday evening and the remainder of the fleet is intact.

Montreal, Feb. 25.—The annual meeting of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada was held at noon today. The twenty-fourth annual report submitted showed receipts for the year of \$2,722,275.11; expenses, \$1,040,123.3; net revenue for the year, \$582,151.70.

BELL TELEPHONE CO.

JUVENILE LABOR.

Small Children in Maxine Elliott's Troupe Causes Manager's Arrest.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Five small children, members of Maxine Elliott's company, were playing "Her Own Way" at the Illinois theatre, were taken from the stage tonight by order of E. C. Davis, state factory inspector. Mr. Yack, manager of the company, was arrested on charges of violating of the state labor law.

NO OPPOSITION EXPECTED.

French Canal Company Will Not Oppose United States' Acquisition.

Paris, Feb. 25.—Conversations which have occurred between the president of the Panama Canal Company, and United States Ambassador Porter show that, in the opinion of the former, no obstacles will be placed by the company in the way of the transfer of the concession to the United States. At the Colombian legation the hope is expressed that the United States will delay the purchase of the concession until the French courts pass upon the two applications submitted to them. First—An order prohibiting the company from concluding the sale. Second—An order that the company recognize the right of Colombia to her shares which the company holds passed with the sovereignty to Panama. The courts have fixed March 9th for the arguments.

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Grand Trunk Shareholders Not Likely to Accept the Propositions.

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## Westside

VICTORIA'S BUSY STORE.

## Bargains for Saturday

UNPARALLELED Bargains in every department of The Westside to-morrow that will bring thousands here to buy them from city and country. Bargains that carry with them a wealth of rare value never before excelled. Read well this announcement. The irresistible force of price has a hand in every item.

\$1.25 White Shirts 75c  
Men's Fine White Shirts, made of good English Leno cloth, with extra good linen fronts and cuffs which are attached. Regular value \$1.25.  
Special Saturday ..... 75c

20c Collars, 2 for 25c  
Men's 4-Ply Collars, in the new high-turnover style, with square corners all widths and sizes. Regular value 20c each.  
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\$1.50 MEN'S FINE KID GLOVES 75c  
Men's Superior Kid Gloves, for driving or walking, fine and heavy, patent dome fastenings, in Tan and Brown, regular value \$1.50 a pair.  
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20c Cuffs, 2 Pair for 25c  
Men's Extra Fine Linen Cuffs, in reversible style, cut with round and square corners. Regular value 20c a pair.  
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\$1.50 Night Shirts 90c  
Men's Extra Heavy White Cotton Night-Shirts, 80% Embroidered down front, at neck and sleeves. Regular value \$1.50 each.  
Special Saturday ..... 90c

LEATHER WRIST BAGS—UNDERPRICED  
To-morrow we will put on sale a Special Purchase of Ladies' Leather Wrist Bags in Grey, Crocodile and Black Seal, with chain handles, and a cash purse and oval mirror enclosed, worth \$1.00 each.  
Special Saturday ..... 40c

Hosiery and Underwear Bargains for Saturday  
30c. Infants' Vests. Saturday. .10c.  
40c. Ladies' Hose. Saturday. .30c.  
50c. Ladies' Hose. Saturday. .35c.  
60c. Ladies' Underwear. Saturday. .35c.  
\$1.25 Ladies' Combinations. Saturday. .50c.

Boys' Clothing Bargains for Saturday  
75c. Boys' Tams. Saturday. .25c.  
\$1.00 Boys' Tweed Suits. Saturday. .45c.  
\$5.00 Boys' Fine Suits. Saturday. .25c.  
\$4.00 Boys' Reefer Overcoats. Saturday. .15c.  
\$6.75 Boys' Overcoats. Saturday. .25c.

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liab, dear," brought down the house, and the audience insisted on another selection. Dr. Robertson kindly responded. Many more songs were sung and the concert lasted until well on this morning.

REGRETTABLE DEATH.  
Father Bouchard Killed by Electric Shock in Montreal.

Montreal, Feb. 25.—Father Bouchard, a well-known Jesuit priest and expert electrician, while repairing a street lamp, was electrocuted this afternoon, received a shock with fatal results.

"CLARK'S PORK AND BEANS"—ready for the table and acceptable to the diner—is one of the most convenient of table articles. Thousands use it continuously. W. Clark, Mfr., Montreal.

CAVE-IN KILLS FIVE.  
Accident in Butte Mine Results in Death to Five Miners.

Butte, Feb. 25.—Five miners were killed by a cave-in of earth and rock in the Minnie Italy mine today. The accident occurred on the sixth floor of the 1,000-foot level. Early in the day Foreman Joseph Kane was informed that the ground in that place was very soft and in danger of falling, and he withdrew all the miners. This afternoon Shift Boss Haggerty took four men into the place to bulkhead and otherwise strengthen the weak spot. Just how the fall came will never be known, as not one of the five escaped.

THE HOT WEATHER TEST  
Makes people better acquainted with their resources of strength and endurance. Many find that they are not so well off as they thought, and that they are easily exhausted and depressed by the heat.

What Mary's Cologne does for the effect of Hood's Sarsaparilla which strengthens the blood, promotes refreshing sleep, overcomes that tired feeling, creates appetite.

B. C. PROTESTANT ORPHANS' HOME NOTICE

The annual meeting of subscribers to the above Home will be held in the Committee Room at the City Hall, Victoria, B. C., on Monday afternoon next, the 29th February, at 4 o'clock, to receive reports from the various officers, elect management committee for the ensuing year, and transact such other business as shall then be brought forward.

WM. SCOWCROFT, Hon. Sec.

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Top Dressing for Lawns. Just the Thing.

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Contracts to Build Houses  
Up-to-Date Machinery, Electric Power. Special attention given to Job Work.  
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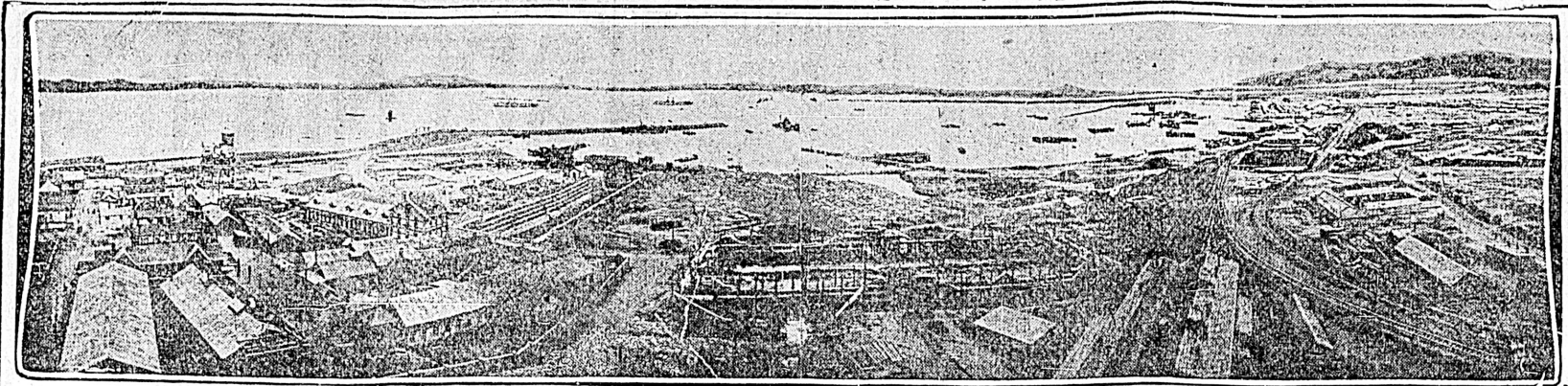
Salt Spring Island Assessment District.

A Court of Revision and Appeal, under the provisions of the "Assessment Act, 1903," will be held for the Salt Spring Island Assessment District, at Stevens Hotel, Salt Spring Island, on the 26th day of March, 1904, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

E. HARRISON, Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal. Nanaimo, B. C., 22nd February, 1904.



## PANORAMIC VIEW OF DALNY AND TALIANWAN BAY.



FROM SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE. BY COURTESY OF MR. CLARENCE CARY

## Protection For Fruit Growers

All Nursery Stock Sold Henceforth In B. C. Must Be Guaranteed.

End of a Nuisance Which Has Cost Many Buyers Dearly.

A special meeting of the Provincial Board of Horticulture was held at the office of the deputy minister of agriculture yesterday, all the members present.

The meeting was called to order by the deputy minister, who read a letter from the Horticultural Act which was passed during the late session of the legislature, the provisions of which are that all vendors of nursery stock in the province must, before doing business, take out a license and agree to conform to the requirements of the regulations of the board.

Much injury has been done to the fruit industry of British Columbia by the irresponsible agents who sell and distribute fruit trees untrue to name and otherwise unsuitable and imperfect. Much worthless trash has been sold at high prices, the purchasers contracting themselves out of the jurisdiction of our courts so that there has been no remedy or means of correcting such abuses.

The new act gives the board power to bring the business under some control so that innocent purchasers may have as much protection in buying fruit trees as enjoyed by persons buying other classes of merchandise.

Persons who contemplate engaging in fruit growing in British Columbia will have the great satisfaction of knowing that they are protected from imposition in the purchase of their fruit trees. Every person who sells fruit trees must give a bond that the goods which he sells are exactly what they are represented to be.

The day is not far distant when British Columbia will be in a position to not only supply its own market with large quantities of healthy well-grown trees free from insect pests and diseases. The outlook is just as favorable for nursery men as it is for fruit growers.

## PRESENTATION TO POPULAR TEACHER

Pupils and Teachers of Victoria College Honor Miss Watson.

Yesterday afternoon the teachers and pupils of the Victoria College gathered in the assembly room for a most important ceremony. It was the presentation of farewell addresses and tokens of esteem to Miss R. Watson, M. A., who is leaving her connection with the school after seven years' teaching. The gathering yesterday demonstrated by its enthusiasm the place Miss Watson has in their affections, and the keen regret felt at her departure. The pupils presented her with a handsome silver tea service and an address. Miss L. Mowat read the address and Fred Wood made the presentation.

On behalf of the teachers Mr. E. B. Paul read an address and presented Miss Watson with a handsome traveling clock. The recipient replied in a clever little speech, thanking the donors for their gifts and their kindness. Cheers for the departing teacher brought the function to a close. The addresses were as follows:

PUPILS' ADDRESS.

Dear Miss Watson: We cannot feel that this is a very joyful occasion for you. There are some of us who remember your coming to us seven years ago, and

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## THE WAR.

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## THE MINING CONVENTION.

The members of the Provincial Mining Association are to be congratulated on the success of the convention which closed its sessions yesterday afternoon. The convention was fortunate in being presided over by a chairman who, while giving every member an opportunity for expressing his opinion, still kept the assembly to the matter under discussion, so that no time was wasted in the three days over which the business meetings extended. The manner in which the convention confined itself strictly to the object for which it was called together—the interests of the mining industry and the methods by which they could best be advanced—cannot fail to make a favorable impression on the general public. One result of the Convention will certainly be to dissipate completely the suspicions entertained in some quarters that there were political or other ulterior motives behind the ostensible objects of the Association. Consequently the Association will secure a position of authority on all matters connected with mining, and if its course be directed in the same conservative manner in which the business of the convention was guided, it will undoubtedly be able to effect much good, both for the mining industry and the Province at large.

One of the matters on which the Convention reached a conclusion yesterday was that respecting the remission of the customs duties on importations of mining machinery, and we are glad to see that the form which the report of the committee took, and which the Convention unanimously adopted, was identical with the view we expressed yesterday on the subject. By the elimination of all reference to the price charged to the foreign consumer in the country where such machinery is manufactured, the chief obstacle to the acceptance of such a proposal by the Dominion Government and Parliament should be removed, since the fact that the machinery is not manufactured in Canada should be sufficient warrant for the remission of the duties in order to foster what is likely to become one of the most important industries in Canada, one, also, that in many other ways contributes very largely to both the Federal and the Provincial revenue.

The discussion on the Bureau of Mines, the relation in which it should stand to the mining industry and the manner in which it should make known abroad the mineral resources of the province, was participated in by a large number of speakers and evoked much interest. While we think that some of the speakers criticized too severely the work of the Department, we believe this probably arose more from their failure to realize the manner in which the administration of it is hampered and circumscribed by the comparative smallness of the appropriation than the Legislature grants for its maintenance. This was pointed out by several of the speakers and the resolution in which the views of the convention were ultimately expressed will, we feel quite sure, be received by the Government and the officials of the department in the manner which the convention would desire. To strengthen the hands of the Government and aid it by technical and expert advice and information, is the aim of the Mining Association, and the discussion yesterday should clear the air and make all parties understand one another better in the future. One thing is quite clear—the Bureau of Mines has functions entirely distinct from any commercial methods or objects and the reports of the Provincial Mineralogist, on which some of the most lively parts of the discussion turned, are not intended to "boom" any particular district or individual mining property, but to afford information as to the geological and physical characteristics of the mining districts in British Columbia. If any blame could be ascribed to the Provincial Mineralogist, in regard to the character of his reports, it was admitted by the critics yesterday that it arose solely from his caution and conservatism, attributes likely to permanently benefit the mining industry in the Province far more than extravagant or exaggerated statements as to our mineral wealth. That the work demands the services not of one but of several mineralogists there is no doubt, and in the administration of the Bureau we quite agree with the view expressed by several speakers yesterday, that the mineralogist should be relieved as much as possible of ordinary routine or statistical work, so that he may have time and opportunity to give to the special and important work devolving upon him in the field.

The convention has adopted a number of amendments to the Mineral and Placer Mining Acts. It is impossible to discuss these intelligently without going into details that would occupy far more space than is at our disposal. Some of the amendments should, however, be adopted, as they remove defects in the present laws that are plain. Other amendments are likely to raise considerable controversy, but it will do no harm to have the proposals ventilated and looked at from different points of view. Indeed, one of the most valuable services that such an association as this can perform, is to bring intelligent criticism

and the views of those directly interested in the matter to the attention of the Government and the Legislature. Doubtless in the interval before the next session of the Legislature, the proposed amendments will be considered and discussed, and it will then be possible for the House to deal with them much more intelligently than would otherwise be the case. As we have said, the Provincial Mining Association has now placed itself on a good footing, has overcome the prejudices felt in some quarters against it and its next meeting will be looked forward to with interest as likely to produce results beneficial to the great provincial industry, the progress and prosperity of which it is its aim to advance.

Further details of the engagement reported to have taken place off Port Arthur on Wednesday, greatly minimize the failure suffered by the Japanese as reported in the earlier despatches. Instead of four Japanese men-of-war being sunk or driven ashore, it now appears that the injured vessels were merely off transport hulks that the Japanese attempted to sink at the mouth of the harbor, so as to block the passage. It appears that the torpedo boats engaged in carrying out this project, were discovered by the Russian battleship Retvizan before they could accomplish it, and aided by the batteries on shore the Japanese were driven off and the hulks either sunk or abandoned. According to an official despatch received by the British Foreign Office none of the torpedo boats were damaged. The rejoicings at St. Petersburg over the reported victory would seem, therefore, to have been without justification.

A despatch from Washington says that great anxiety is felt there in the Department of State in regard to the effect that may be caused by the reported alliance between Japan and Korea. According to this despatch it seems to be considered that such an alliance would make operative the clause in the treaty between Russia and France, whereby the latter is under obligation to go to Russia's assistance in case another Power joins Japan. We had understood that it was agreed between the Powers that neither China nor Korea would be considered as an ally in the meaning of that treaty or of the one of almost similar tenor between Japan and Great Britain. We are, therefore, not inclined to give much importance to this despatch from Washington. It is quite conceivable that Russia might desire to give such an interpretation to the treaty. But France would be even more anxious to avoid taking a step fraught with such momentous results as it would almost certainly involve.

## MICHAEL DAVITT AND RUSSIA.

Michael Davitt, the Irish orator who is now in the United States, has lost no time since landing in attacking the American policy towards Russia. He has a sincere regard for the Russ because it is a part of the Muscovite religion to hate the devil and all his works, including Great Britain. He says that Germany and France are far more likely to side with Russia than with Britain and Japan, and adds that the three great military nations can conquer the world in spite of any thing the United States or Great Britain may do to oppose them. In the event of Japan winning in the present war Davitt predicts a great Mongolian confederation with China and Japan at its head, which would overrun the world and destroy our civilization. Mr. Davitt would appear to have no desire left to be gratified except to see Great Britain defeated and humbled and reduced to the position of a third-rater among nations. Let us imagine for a moment such a calamity to overwhelm us. Let us conjure up the picture of England sitting at the feet of Russia in sackcloth and ashes and Mr. Davitt a subject of the Czar. How long would he be suffered to give expression to his views against the government before he found himself on the way to Siberia or an inmate of the dreaded fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul? An article such as Mr. Davitt has contributed to the New York World in depreciation of England, if directed against the Russian Government would consign him to the deepest dungeon in the Empire and board at the expense of the government for the rest of his days. It is only in a free country like Great Britain that gentlemen like Mr. Davitt can express their views without fear of punishment for high treason. An answer to all that Mr. Davitt and his friends may say about British oppression is found in the fact that so far from his being molested for his treasonable language while in the United States he is still eligible for election to the British Parliament and may sit and talk and vote therein side by side with the most loyal member of that great debating club.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

**MOSS-COVERED ROOFS.**  
Sir,—Has it never occurred to the chief of the fire department to urge on the owners of the necessity of clearing the moss from their roofs? In summer, when dry, the moss becomes very inflammable and most of the roof fires that have occurred in this city have been caused by sparks falling upon the moss. There are at least fifty roofs in the heart of the city that should receive immediate attention from a scraper.

## RAILWAYS.

Sir,—One of your correspondents has recently pointed out the danger of our Coast cities losing a large share of their trade with the northern mining centres should either of the projected railways from the East to the Coast be completed, with a branch line, say from the Grand Trunk Pacific through Cassiar, Omineca and Athol to the Yukon. There cannot be any doubt that such railway and branch are constructed that our Coast cities will have strong competition in clothing, mining implements and machinery from Toronto, Hamilton and Montreal, and in food supplies of all kinds from Winnipeg and other Western towns. What then should this province do to retain its legitimate northern trade? The answer is very simple, provided we can furnish the necessary means. Build a railway from Kitimat—supposed to be the most suitable place and route to our northern country, and thus retain our northern trade.

The Legislative Assembly prorogued a few days ago without announcing any railway policy, which however disappointing, is more honest and satisfactory than holding out false hopes. I cannot think that any line of policy which will necessitate another session of the House this summer or early autumn, unless it be in connection with perfecting a railway scheme or contract with the Canadian Northern, or with

the directors of the proposed Grand Trunk Pacific. In either case let us hope that the provincial government has a good card up its sleeve. The negotiations with Messrs. Mackenzie & Macdonald, so fresh in our minds that we do not wish to see the same sea-saw process repeated. Whatever will be proposed hereafter must be of a sound, sane character and not misleading. We are face to face with the fact that our advances will not stand the strain just at this time of our costly and extensive public works. Therefore, let us utilize the capital we have—our public domain. A judicious scheme of railway construction subsidized with as much cash as can be spared, together with land grants in alternative blocks, would open up the development, and settlement, of our waste lands, give employment, create commerce and produce an increased revenue commensurate to the outlay. I would ask those in the legislature and elsewhere who may be opposed to land grants for railway construction, in what other way, or by what means can our country be opened up and developed under our present financial position. There can be no doubt that conditional land grants is the most economical and progressive way of settling and developing the country; progressive because the railway company has no right to grant until it has secured the necessary public act as immigration agents and as advertisers of our country, as the land unless colonized, would be utterly useless. The government has every prospect of having a railway to connect it with the Yukon, with a railway from Yellow Head via Dute Inlet and Seymour Narrows, and let us hope the opportunity will not be allowed to pass fruitlessly.

W. J. MACDONALD.

## PROVINCIAL PRESS.

Reports from La Fontaine received here this week are reassuring as to the previous ones. There remains about 20 feet of the drift to be run before the point is reached where the gravel is expected to be struck. When the drift is completed there will undoubtedly be considerable water to be pumped out and how long a time it will take to reduce the water to permit of taking out gravel, is impossible to tell. The pumping capacity of the plant is supposed to be adequate and precautions will be taken to not overload it. Operations at Slough creek are going along smoothly. The condition of affairs there can be described as very satisfactory. The gravel is being pushed into the gravel, John Hopp and associates are about to see some return for their years of hard work and anxiety and we trust their perseverance will be richly rewarded. They deserve it.

On Wednesday W. A. Morris received a telegram stating his brother-in-law, Ralph McLean, had been found dead in bed at his home at Grand Prairie, with a bullet wound through the head. Mr. Morris left by No. 1 the same evening. Ralph McLean was well known in Revelstoke, where he was a successful farmer. He had been some time in F. Wells, store, and on the death of his uncle in Scotland, came into considerable money, which he invested in a ranch at Grand Prairie, about 14 miles south of Delta. He has a brother at the Coast and two sisters here, Mrs. Morris and Miss McLean—Revelstoke Mail.

The coal output of the Crow's Nest Pass collieries in 1903 was 661,118 tons, an increase of 50 per cent over that of 1902. The output of coke for 1903 shows an increase of 30 per cent, having reached 67,734 tons. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company have commenced to operate a coal property on the north branch of Michel creek. The Imperial Coal & Coke Co., will develop and operate the enormous coal areas of Fordling river. In addition to the above, three new companies have been formed to develop the Elk river areas, supposed to be extensions of the Fernie coal seams.—Fort Steele Prospector.

An important lumber deal was put through yesterday whereby Messrs. R. W. Wood and A. B. Trites bought the timber and mill property of the Elk River Lumber Company at Elkton. The price of the property is in the neighborhood of \$20,000. The business will be conducted under the name of The Elk River Lumber Co., and it will have no connection with the Trites Wood Co., the charter for the latter not permitting any other than a mercantile business being conducted under that name. Mr. Swardson has been engaged as manager and no time will be lost in putting the business on as sound a basis as money and ability can put it.—Fernie Free Press.

The First fancy dress ball of the season was given by the K. D. C. of the Victorian Order of Nurses in the Auditorium of the Kaslo hotel, last Friday evening. The occasion was in honor of St. Valentine. The hall decorations were magnificent, the ladies having worked for several days to make the hall look pretty, and the flags, bunting and red crosses, and bunting, walls, gave it a festive appearance. While reflected great credit upon those who had this part of the work in charge.—Kaslo Kootenai.

## PRESS COMMENT.

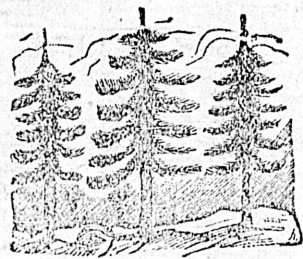
In the Baltimore fire modern fireproof construction was for the first time subjected to a supreme and convincing test. The result was a complete demonstration of the effectiveness of this form of construction. Indeed, the fire-resisting qualities which it developed surpassed the expectations of experts. It had been generally conceded that an excessive heat from within the structure, caused by the fire that generated in the steam furnace, like fire might destroy the life of the steel in a steel frame building, even if the protecting walls of brick should withstand the flames. But the Baltimore fire, which destroyed the framework of the steel buildings in Baltimore remained unscathed, though attacked by the heat both from within and without.—New York Sun.

Out of each war come verbal riches, whatever the loss of property or life. A war has genuine value in increasing the store of words outside of their tribal setting, and if we can acquire a few of the rugged consonantal Slavics, and a few of the softer Mongolian expressions, the war will have been worth its cost—in words. We could not spare "mamani," acquired from the Spanish-American conflict, or "reconcentrados," since we have no word of Saxon descent which quite expresses these ideas. And certainly the currency given to "whisk" will be little if we have heard or are to hear of Rough Riders and from the Boer war surely "klopf" was, to use an Americanism, worth the price of admission. We await with interest our next acquisitions. Probably we will be making all our eastern measurements in "versts," and if it be necessary to overlay eastern diplomacy with a veneer of silence we might "quack" it. In any event our verbal horizon is certain to be pushed out and we will have new portmanteau words in which to carry about our new wisdom.—St. Paul Dispatch.

One of the cures which Rev. Dr. Chown proposes for political corruption is the abolition of the personal canvass of the voters. There is no doubt that the personal canvass, in some times offers opportunities for bribery. But on the other hand, it is the only possible preventive of what in this city we call "telegraphing." When the municipal reformers here first set to work they did nothing more effective than their careful canvass of the entire electorate, taking a description of each voter, which was put in the hands of the scrutineers; thus making it very difficult for the candidates to attempt to personate them.—Montreal Star.

The Japanese celebrated on Friday the 2,541st anniversary of the founding of the throne of their kingdom of Emperor Jimmu, the founder of the present ruling dynasty. This sort of thing makes the representatives of Western nations feel that their is a baby civilization, and that the little "Asa" shows. Continuous rule by one family is a sign of stability of institutions that only some degree of civilization can account for.—Montreal Gazette.

It is undoubtedly true that the great majority of the people of the British Empire are in sympathy with Japan in the present war. It is equally true that the main reason for this feeling is the knowledge that every foot of territory acquired by Russia is so much added to the great sum of territories where British



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goods are penalized. The acquisition of Mongolia, Manchuria, and Korea by Russia would mean that the trade of those countries would eventually be less profitable to the British exporter than it is now. It is true that the recent opening of the free port conceded by China had been extorted from Russia.—Toronto Globe.

## MORR FIGHTING SHIPS.

Japan Places Rush Orders With English Firms for Battleships.

Army and Navy Record.

Messrs. Vickers, Sons and Maxim and Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth & Co. have received orders to proceed as quickly as possible with the construction of two battleships for the Japanese navy, one to be built and completed for war service by each company.

## VANCOUVER ORANGE TREE.

(Tune—A Tree Israelite.)

As composed and sung by R. Brechin, Sr., W. M. of Vancouver L. O. L. No. 1560.

When the Orange Tree was planted within Vancouver town, The men who nobly did the work were Orangemen of renown;

They were Alec Tays, and Shannon, Conposed by Vickers, Sons & Maxim, and a system which has been adopted in all ships since designed for the British navy, and confers important advantages in increased area of protection. The whole broadside of the elated will be armor-plated.

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Next came Inniskillen, sixteen hundred and fifteen, And true unto its Irish name the leaves were a lovely green;

But the hall was truly Orange and sound unto the core, Much Orange fruit upon its boughs every year it bore.

Then came St. Clarke Wallace seventeen hundred and fifteen, Named after as true a man as e'er the world has seen;

In years this twigs a baby, in size it is a Once taller than the parent tree and known throughout the land.

Next came the Imperial eighteen hundred and fifteen, Where the Imperialist sentiment is plainly to be seen;

Some say it is the Bon Ton and very much the dish of the day, In Vancouver Orange circles we're now "A Solid Five."

The O. V. B. Sir Thomas Scott, is number ninety, And with our True Blue sisters marching nobly on;

They've girdled on their armor and are ready for the fray, With a combination we're sure to win the day.

Vancouver, Ebenezer, Inniskillen and Waldo, Doth love with the Imperial the Orange and the Blue;

They only ask for freedom which William did obtain, And that alone doth get the praise for what the Prince did gain.

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ing led by a young man of their acquaintance. The senator insisted that the boy was all right at heart, "and I have no doubt," he added, "that Tom will pull up when he reaches the age of discretion." "Yes," rejoined Mr. Quay's friend, "but what would you call the age of discretion?" "As a rule," answered the senator, "I should say that a young fellow had reached the age of discretion when he removed from his walls the pictures of actresses and substitutes therefor a portrait of his wealthy bachelor uncle."

**RISIBILITIES.**  
British Tourist (in Park Row restaurant)—Waiter, you may bring me oyster-sewabs dipped in oil, terrapin wagon, Swiss bread, and a pint of Yellow Label!

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"Indeed," exclaimed Mrs. Plumbdandy, "and do your social society folks condescend to associate with them?"—Catholic Standard and Times.

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Grooves—Made a bad break in the big scene of the third act. Forgot to ask, "Where am I?" when she came out of her part.

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**Local News.**

Poor Mail Service—Residents of Cumberland, Conn. district, are complaining of the poor mail service, and have forwarded a petition to the Postmaster-General asking that the mails be taken to have a tri-weekly service on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The Postmaster-General at Courtenay have also taken the matter up.

Breakwater at Sidney—Work on a large breakwater at Sidney to better protect the harbor from the force of the easterly gales is to be undertaken shortly and the job will mean the expenditure of a considerable sum of money. Mr. J. H. Bretherton and Mr. Bretherton, of Sanich, have secured the contract for supplying piles for the work and they are at present getting them all on Mayne Island.

All Red Route—As managing agents of the Canadian-Australian line, the Union Steamship Company have issued a beautifully illustrated pamphlet, giving a short outline of the attractions possessed by the route to London via Canada. The pamphlet is being distributed to the public and is being taken to the interest in Canada are being taken to length. Niagara Falls also comes in for a share of description, as well as the larger cities of Canada and the United States.

For the Front—Among the passengers who sailed for the Orient on Monday evening was G. H. Seale of Boston. Mr. Seale is a war correspondent and expert photographer, and is on his way to the Orient to document the Japanese-Russian war for Harper's Weekly. He also represents a syndicate of Boston, New York and London, Eng., newspapers. Mr. Seale, although young, has had considerable experience as a war correspondent. He has served all through the Spanish-American campaign and was at Santiago when the Spanish fleet made its historic dash. He afterwards went to South Africa and followed Lord Roberts until the fall of Pretoria.

Visiting District Lodges—Thomas A. Duff, of Toronto, the Grand Organizer of the Orange lodges, is visiting the branches on Vancouver Island. Yesterday he visited Cumberland and there will be a joint meeting of the lodges in Nanaimo on Saturday and a meeting of Ladysmith L. O. E. No. 1607 on Monday the 29th. Mr. Duff will address the members and instruct them in the secret work of the order, which is interesting to the members of the order to hear that through the influence of Mr. Duff, the Orange Mutual Benefit Fund, has agreed to insure them at the same rate as any other member engaged in less hazardous employment provided Mr. Duff recommends them.

Island Mining—The coming season promises to be a very busy one in mining development on Vancouver Island. Mr. E. H. Shaw, a brother of the late N. P. Shaw, has taken to Ladysmith a trial shipment of ore from Alberni canal, for the Tyee smelter. The ore is low grade, but there are large quantities of it and it is easily shipped, the mine being on the water's edge. It is expected that the Tyee smelter will close down again in the course of a few days. The reports coming from the Majuba mines are still most encouraging. The workers are now down about 20 feet and report that the ore continues to improve as they go along. The S.S. Selkirk left Ladysmith on Wednesday for Van Andra and will shortly return with a cargo of ore for the smelter.

Quatino Development—A narrow gauge railway from the West Arm of Quatino Sound to the copper-gold mines known as the June group, situated some five miles from salt water, at the head of the river, is to be built in the spring, according to a statement made by Mr. J. L. Stack, of Tacoma, one of the owners of the group. Arrangements are now being made for the construction of the railway. The owners of the June group also have under consideration the building of a hundred-ton stack smelter on the June group for the treatment of the ore of those mines. It has been determined after several trial shipments to smelters on Puget Sound, that it will pay to erect a smelter on the property. It is for the purpose of hauling coke to the proposed smelter that the railroad is to be built, and not that ore may be hauled to salt water for transportation to the smelters.

Outs in Demand—The supply of food stuffs on the Pacific Coast is in great demand. A Seattle paper of yesterday says: "A rush order for 2,500 tons of oats has been given by the government. United States Quartermaster General received instructions yesterday from Washington to advertise for bids at once. His call specifies that the oats are to be delivered Saturday, February 27th, at noon. It stipulates immediate delivery at either Seattle or Tacoma, or both. There is nothing in the order received here to indicate where the oats are to be shipped, but as nearly all of the foreign purchased in recent months on the Pacific coast have been sent to the Philippines the chances of the local quartermaster's office believe this consignment will also be for the islands. The last foreign shipment was of hay, from Portland, by the United States transport Dix, which is still in the Columbia trying to get over the bar at the mouth of the river."

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New View Book, "From the Rockies to the Capital," price 75 cents, at Hinton & Co.'s.

Marine School.—"How to Sail a Ship When on Fire" is the subject which Capt. Gaudin has selected for his lecture in the marine school, the old customs house this evening. A good attendance is requested.

Sheriff's Sale.—Sheriff Richards, by virtue of a writ issued out of the Supreme court in an action, the Pacific Lumber and Lumber Co., Ltd., vs. Frank W. Morris, will offer for sale on Wednesday next, at 11 a. m., in front of his office, Court house, Bastion street, twenty shares in the Federation Brand Salmon Canning Co., Ltd., Ltd., of a sufficient number thereof to satisfy the said writ and costs, the said shares standing in the books of the said Canning Co. in the name of Frank W. Morris on the 18th day of February, 1904, the date the same were seized.

White Pass Official.—Mr. S. H. Graves, president of the White Pass & Yukon route, has returned to the coast from England. He was met at Seattle by Mr. A. B. Newell, vice president and general manager of the road. The visit of Mr. Graves has no official significance. It is merely his annual trip. He will likely remain on the coast for a month or more to satisfy the said writ and costs, the said shares standing in the books of the said Canning Co. in the name of Frank W. Morris on the 18th day of February, 1904, the date the same were seized.

Japan a Sure Winner.—"With her principal ports almost impregnable through fortifications and a network of mines in her harbors, a great naval fleet and a powerful army and the people patriotic to a man, I cannot see how Japan can fail to drive Russia from the oriental seas and out of Manchuria." The foregoing was the reply given a reporter in Seattle by Capt. S. S. Connan, master of the steamship Manana, to a request for his opinion as to the outcome of the present war between Russia and Japan. Capt. Connan returned from Japan on the steamship Selkirk, which sailed January 30th from Yokohama for San Francisco.

Action Dismissed.—The case of the Greenwood, B. C. School Board vs. A. R. McNeil, of this city, has been dismissed. Mr. McNeil applied for and secured an appointment to the school at Greenwood. In the meantime, however, he was appointed to the teaching staff of South Park school and went to Greenwood to this effect. The school board of that place began suit for damages against him. The action was dismissed on the ground that the secretary of the board had no authority to enter into a contract with Mr. McNeil without the authority of the trustees. Messrs. Higgins & Elliott acted as counsel for the defendant.

Fruit Growers.—This morning in the rooms of the department of Agriculture a meeting of the Victoria Fruit Growers' Association will be held to discuss the business of the coming year. Reports will be received from the various committees appointed at the last general meeting to investigate the different methods of conducting the fruit growing industry, and these papers, it is expected, will pave the way for a very profitable discussion.

Testing Anthracite.—A very interesting experiment is just now being conducted at the store of Messrs. A. & W. Wilson, on Broad street. This is a test of the new anthracite coal which was lately discovered at Comox. Mr. Wilson has a quantity of the black diamonds on hand and is now using the same constantly in large stoves, especially intended for the consumption of hard coal. The test has shown that the island anthracite is a splendid fuel, quite equal to the Pennsylvania variety. It burns with a bluish flame and possesses all the characteristics of true anthracite.

Military Experts Arrive.—Armament-Sergeant C. W. W. Hooper and Mr. Hooper have arrived from England to take up their residence in this city. The branch of the service to which the sergeant belongs has in charge all repairs in connection with the big guns. It is really a corps of expert machinists rendering necessary and efficient service, and the sergeant expects to be here five years. Changes are made less frequently in this branch of the service than in the others. With Sergeant Hooper there arrived two corporals and five privates of the Ordnance Corps, which has charge of the artillery stores and their issuing.

Remembered by Dundonald.—During the recent visit to the Coast by Lord Dundonald, commander of the military forces in Canada, he exhibited to Chief Engineer Grant of the Quinla a little pocket-compassing device of his own invention, which he said he had found very useful in campaigns where the weather was severe. It is a miniature stove, burning carbon as fuel and is comfortable and beneficial when one is afflicted with various slight bodily pains. Mr. Grant expressed a desire to become possessed of one and Lord Dundonald gave a promise he would forward him one from Ottawa. It arrived yesterday and it is highly prized by Mr. Grant.

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Fruit Growers.—This morning in the rooms of the department of Agriculture a meeting of the Victoria Fruit Growers' Association will be held to discuss the business of the coming year. Reports will be received from the various committees appointed at the last general meeting to investigate the different methods of conducting the fruit growing industry, and these papers, it is expected, will pave the way for a very profitable discussion.

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